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TITLE OF INVENTION: MOUNTING STRUCTURE FOR FUEL PUMP OF VEHICLE ENGINE AND VEHICLE INSTALLING THE SAME

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(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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	WESLEY POTTER	3611	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the request for continued examination and amendment filed December 24, 2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 11,13,15-17,21 and 22.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
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5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other ____.

/W. P./
Examiner, Art Unit 3611

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Stephen Funk on February 26, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

The claims are amended as follows:

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

a fuel pump assembly including a cylindrical pump body and a filter coupled with a suction end of the pump body;

a fuel tank arranged to straddle a body frame of a vehicle;

a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding an opening in the fuel tank; and

a mounting plate arranged to cover the flange section on an outside of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly arranged to be fixed to the opening through the mounting plate and the flange section ; and

a fuel pipe including a first end with which the cylindrical pump body is coupled, a trunk portion of the fuel pipe bending toward the filter, and a second end with which the filter is coupled, wherein a fuel flow direction in the cylindrical pump body and a fuel flow direction in the filter are opposite to each other; wherein

an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends generally parallel to a mounting surface of the mounting plate;

the cylindrical pump body and the filter are arranged to overlap each other ~~in a first direction corresponding to a plan view of the vehicle;~~

the opening is arranged in a side wall surface of the fuel tank, the mounting plate is attached to the opening of the side wall surface of the fuel tank, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body; and

~~the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body at least partially overlap each other in a second direction corresponding to a lateral side view of the vehicle, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first direction.~~

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the filter is disposed below the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 14 (cancelled): ~~The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to~~

~~Claim 11, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.~~

Claim 15 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, further comprising a fuel passage, wherein the fuel passage includes the filter, the cylindrical pump body, and the fuel pipe through which fuel flows from the filter to the cylindrical pump body, wherein a portion of the fuel passage is arranged so as to overlap another portion of the fuel passage.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the cylindrical pump body and the filter are spaced apart from each other in a direction normal to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine, the mounting structure comprising:

 a fuel tank arranged to straddle a body frame of a vehicle; ~~and~~
 a fuel pump assembly to be arranged within an inner space of the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly including a mounting plate arranged to mount the fuel pump assembly onto the fuel tank, the fuel pump assembly further including:
 a cylindrical pump body;
 a filter attached to the cylindrical pump body;

an opening arranged in a side surface of the fuel tank, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body;

a housing enclosing the cylindrical pump body, a flange section of the housing arranged to abut an outside area surrounding the opening in the fuel tank, and the mounting plate extending[[s]] over the flange section to fix the flange section to the fuel tank; and

a fuel pipe including a first end with which the cylindrical pump body is coupled, a trunk portion of the fuel pipe bending toward the filter, and a second end with which the filter is coupled, wherein a fuel flow direction in the cylindrical pump body and a fuel flow direction in the filter are opposite to each other; wherein

the cylindrical pump body is arranged such that an axis of the cylindrical pump body extends along a mounting surface of the mounting plate;

the filter is arranged such that at least a portion of the filter is spaced away from the cylindrical pump body in a radial direction of the cylindrical pump body;

the mounting plate is attached to the opening of the side surface of the fuel tank; the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body at least partially overlap each other in a first direction corresponding to a lateral side view of the vehicle; and

the cylindrical pump body and the filter are arranged to overlap each other in a second direction corresponding to a plan view of the vehicle, the second direction being substantially perpendicular to the first direction.

Claim 18 (canceled).

Claim 19 (canceled).

Claim 20 (cancelled): ~~The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, wherein the opening has an elliptical shape, and a longitudinal axis of the opening extends generally horizontally and generally parallel to the axis of the cylindrical pump body.~~

Claim 21 (previously presented): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 11.

Claim 22 (previously presented): A vehicle comprising the mounting structure for a fuel pump according to Claim 17.

Claim 23 (cancelled): ~~The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 11, wherein the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body substantially overlap each other in the second direction corresponding to the lateral side view of the vehicle.~~

Claim 24 (cancelled): ~~The mounting structure for a fuel pump of a vehicle engine according to Claim 17, wherein the mounting plate and the cylindrical pump body substantially overlap each other in the first direction corresponding to the lateral side view of the vehicle.~~

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to WESLEY POTTER whose telephone number is (571)270-7818. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:30-5:00, Alternate Fridays 9:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lesley Morris can be reached on 571-272-6651. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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